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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:
www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

Budget- Fiscal Year 2008- We Want to Hear From You!

It's still budget season! The County Council is encouraging your participation in FY 2008. You may testify in person at the scheduled budget public hearings or submit written testimony to the Council during this process.

Below you will find the budget calendar for FY2008, as well as additional links which provide additional budget information.

Early summary budget document as of March 7, 2007 is available at:
<http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/DOApdfs/FY08MarchHearing.pdf>

The summary capital budget request as of April 1, 2007 is provided at:
http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/DOApdfs/FY08CapitalPropSummary_Apr1.pdf

The detailed capital budget is provided at:

<http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/DOApdfs/FY08PropCapitalBudgetDetail.pdf>

The calendar of the budget process is given at:

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_BudgetCalendar.htm

Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit Applications- Now Available!

The 2007 Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit applications are available at

www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcresit.html

There is no charge to apply and nothing to lose by doing so.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

BRAC- Get Involved!

The Howard County BRAC Task Force is moving into phase II of its work. Phase II will focus on the impact of overall Fort Meade growth on 6 specific areas in Howard County. They are: Work Force Development, Transportation, Education, Infrastructure, Work Force Housing and Health and Human Services. Residents and business persons of Howard County are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force during this phase. If you are interested, please contact the Executive Director of the HC BRAC Office at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov.

For more information on BRAC please visit

http://www.co.ho.md.us/HCG_ExecutiveBRAC.htm

Current Road Maintenance Projects in District 2

Milling and paving contractors will continue road maintenance in Howard County on the following streets.

Paving

Eaglebeak Row
Hillfall Court
Shepherdess Court
Nettlebed Court
Wingborne Court

Milling

Besthold Garth
Buggy Court
Drystraw Drive
Eaglebeak Row
Margrave Mews
Tidesebb Court
Youngsea Place

Howard County Moderate Income Housing Unit Application Period Begins

County Executive Ken Ulman has announced that the county's open application period for the Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Program will begin on **Monday, April 23 and end on May 23**. The MIHU Program is an inclusionary zoning program that requires developers of new housing in certain zoning districts to sell or rent a certain percentage (generally 10-15%) of the dwelling units to households of moderate income.

MIHUs are then sold or rented through the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). Individuals wishing to purchase or rent an MIHU must fill out an application form for a "certificate of eligibility" which is based on factors that include: income, assets, household size and whether the candidate wishes to rent or purchase.

Once applicants are certified as eligible, their names will be placed on a waiting list. The first lottery, which will be for 23 sale-only units located in the developments of Shipley's Grant (townhomes) and

Elkridge Crossing (condos), will be held in June. Applicants eligible for that lottery will be notified and invited to attend the event. Eligible renters, when those units are available, will be chosen directly from the list based on application dates.

Currently, the maximum permitted incomes for the program are as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Rent</u>
1-	\$51,063	\$38,297
2-	\$58,358	\$43,768
3-	\$65,652	\$49,239
4-	\$72,947	\$54,710
5-	\$78,763	\$59,087
6-	\$84,619	\$63,464
7-	\$90,455	\$67,841
8+	\$96,290	\$72,218

Applications for “certificates of eligibility” and additional information about housing unit types, unit sizes, purchase or rental prices are available from the **Department of Housing & Community Development, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD, 21046** or the county’s website at www.howardcountymd.gov or by calling the department at **410-313-6318**.

Application Packets are Now Available for the HCPSS Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Program

Application/nomination packets for the HCPSS Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Saturday Program are now available at your child’s school. This program is open to students currently in Grades 4 -11. Please contact your child’s art teacher if you would like your child to be considered for this program.

Sherlock Holmes Essay Contest

Howard County seventh-grade students are invited to read Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s "The Adventure of the Speckled Band," then write an analytical essay. Guidelines and a contest entry form are available

online. **Deadline for entries is May 4.** Awards and prizes will be given at an awards event at the East Columbia Branch meeting room on **Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

The essay contest is sponsored by Watson's Tin Box, a local Sherlock Holmes literary group.

Oakland Mills Farmer's Market Set to Open Sunday, May 6!

The Farmer's Market will open at The Oakland Mills Village Center on **Sunday, May 6 from 9 – 12:30 a.m.** The market will run each Sunday through October.

* NEW: The market will be welcomed with a traditional ringing of the bell and remarks from OM Board Chair Bill Woodcock and HC Councilman Calvin Ball on Sunday May, 6 at 8:50 a.m. Please join us for this great celebration!

Transportation Advocates Meeting May 8th!

The next presentation is on: "TRANSPORTATION for PEOPLE with DISABILITIES."

Transportation Advocates will present a panel discussion on the status of local transportation serving people with disabilities. Susan Askew of The Arc; Joyce Lehrer, Howard County Office on Disabilities and Sharon Smith, Corridor Transportation Corp. will present and lead the discussion at the **May 8th meeting at 7:45 AM-9:00 AM** at Florence Bain Senior Center, Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia. Open to all.

Call **410-203-1178** for more information.

Learn African-American Genealogy!

Learn genealogy basics and discover government documents to help you find information about African-American ancestors. **Registration begins May 9;** please call or visit the branch to register.

Date: **Wednesday, May 23, 2007; 7:00 pm**

Place: East Columbia Branch Library
6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045
410.313.7700

Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: Intro. to Green Roofs!

On **Wednesday, May 16**, the Green Building Institute is sponsoring an introductory class on **Green Roofs**. A green roof is a vegetation incorporated into a rooftop. The seminar will answer these questions and more!

- What benefits does installing a green roof have on a building?
- Do green roofs help the environment?
- What types of plants survive on a green roof?
- How do you maintain green roofs?
- How much does a green roof cost?
- What soil is used on a green roof?
- Are there green roofs in the area? If so, where are they?
- What are intensive and extensive green roofs?
- What are some design differences between them?
- Is there a market for green roofs in North America?
- Where can I learn more about green roofs?

The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road) (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration check-in is from 6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The seminar modules will begin at 7:00 p.m and end at 9:00 PM. For more information and registration please visit www.greenbuildinginstitute.org or you may call the institute at **443-733-1234**.

The 15th Annual Wine in the Woods!- May 19 & 20

Come celebrate the charm and character of an event that has aged to perfection. Sample Maryland's finest wines from a souvenir glass; make food purchases from an abundance of high quality, distinctive restaurants and caterers; sharpen your palette by attending wine education seminars; enjoy exceptional works offered by invited artists and craftspersons; and revel in continuous live entertainment on two stages. Must be 21 years of age and older to attend. Tickets are \$20 in

advance and \$25 at the gate. Rain or shine. A designated driver program is available.

Symphony Woods, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia / Noon - 6 pm / Contact: Department of Recreation & Parks, (410) 313-4700

Greater Howard County 2007 Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. Start/Finish at OM Interfaith Center International Agency Recipient (75%), Local Agency Recipient which is the Interfaith Coalition for Compassion will receive 24%. Recruiter's Orientation will be held on Mon. April 16 at 7 p.m. at the OMIC. For more information call 410-730-2026 or visit www.churchworldservice.org

Howard County Library Presents "This Is Your Life"

Howard County Library invites you to tell your personal history or help collect the shared memory of our county. The This is Your Life project will allow Howard County residents, ages 50+, to celebrate their experiences through recording oral history, writing memoirs, investigating genealogy, and turning life into art with scrapbooks. For more information on the **"This is Your Life"** project, call **410.313.7750** or visit **www.hclibrary.org**. If you are interested in being interviewed or in being trained to conduct an interview, call **410.313.7766** or **410.313.7763**.

Cosponsored by the Howard County Office on Aging, The Columbia Archives, The Howard County Historical Society, Vantage House, and American Literary Press

CA to Offer Before and After Care for Selected Howard County Summer School Programs

The Columbia Association's School Age Services (SAS) program will provide before and after school child care for selected Howard County Summer School programs. Child care is available for children between the ages of 5 and 14 at Cradlerock School, Clemens Crossing

Elementary School and Hammond High School (for BSAP Elementary Summer Learning Camp).

The program will operate each day of the summer school program from 7am until the beginning of class and from the end of each class day until 6pm. Registration forms are available at the HCPSS offices, individual schools and the Columbia Association Headquarters building.

For additional information, please **call 410-715-3116** or send an e-mail to **bunny.egerton@columbiaassociation.com**.

Financial Assistance Available for Summer Pool Memberships at CA

Financial Assistance for summer pool memberships at CA's outdoor pools is available through the Columbia Foundation for individuals and families who qualify. Beginning in 2006, The Columbia Foundation partnered with the family of the late Ann Scherr and established the Ann Scherr Fund, offering grants for summer pool memberships to assist income qualified individuals and families in paying the already-reduced rates offered by the Columbia Association.

For more information on the Ann Scherr Fund at the Columbia Foundation and how to apply for a membership, please contact the Columbia Association Membership Service Center at **410.730.1801**.

NEIGHBOR RIDE- Looking for Spanish and Korean Speaking Volunteers!

Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based supplemental transportation program, helps residents age 60 and over maintain a good quality of life by providing friendly and reliable door-to-door transportation for medical appointments, religious services, educational pursuits, recreational and social events, exercise classes, and other day-to-day activities.

* Neighbor Ride is looking for Spanish and Korean speaking volunteers to become drivers who can converse with bi-lingual riders.

For more information and to register for a volunteer orientation, contact Jessica Sleight at 410-884-RIDE, volunteer@neighborride.org or visit their website at <http://www.neighborride.org/>